

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A document inverting-and-transporting apparatus  
5 includes a transport path, an inversion-and-transport  
path, a document transporting unit, a closed portion, a  
document length detecting unit, a comparing unit, a  
controlling unit. The transport path includes a first  
route along which the document is transported from a  
10 feeding start position to a transport direction changing  
position; a joining position; and a reading position. The  
inversion-and-transport path includes a second route along  
which the document is transported from the transport  
direction changing position to the reading position via  
15 the joining position. The closed portion constitutes a  
part of the inversion-and-transport path. The comparing  
unit compares a detected length of the document with a  
predetermined length larger than a length of the closed  
portion. The controlling unit determines whether the  
20 document is to be transported to the inversion-and-  
transport path, based on a result of the comparison.